



Dates for your diary this half term at Strong Close



W/C 2nd May -Eid-al-Fitr the Muslim festival marking the end of Ramadan which began week commencing 3rd April.

Parental Consultations for **existing green, blue and yellow** room children will be week commencing **2nd May**. Look out for your email inviting you to book a time with your child's key person.

Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th May we will be visiting **Hesketh Farm Park** –**Tuesday 24th May** will be for the children attending on a morning session and beginning of the week and **Thursday 26th May** will be for the afternoon session and end of the week children. 30 hours children will be split between the two days on a first come basis. More information will be sent nearer the time.



Stay and Play sessions for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers will run on **Tuesday** mornings **9.30– 11.00 am**, look out for dates and times advertised on the flyers or on our

Facebook page. These sessions will include **Imagination Library** story telling session for children 0-2 years. Book a place and find out about simple activities to enhance each story at home.



Parent Cafés! for all parents/carers and for the families of children with SEND. More information on the venue nearer the time.



Monday 2nd May - Bank holiday school is closed.

Friday 27th May - School closes for the half term and opens again on **Monday 6th June**.

What's happening in our local area!

Look out for **creative artworks** by local artists, these works of art are designed to brighten high streets across the district. Visit <https://www.visitbradford.com/springback2022.aspx> for dates and venues around the district.



Art in the Park– stroll around Lister Park to view sculptures and public artworks which runs until 30th September 2022. Why not go and look for the statue of Peter Pan. Visit <https://www.visitbradford.com/thedms.aspx?dms=3&feature=1000&venue=2180244> to find out more.

In Motion is a celebration of Keighley transport, transit and motion. Featuring classic cars, buses, steam trains and other vehicles. A family festival not to be missed taking place over the two days of the bank holiday 2nd 3rd June. Visit Keighley-in-motion.co.uk/ to find out more.



Download the 50 Things to do Before You're 5 app for age appropriate ideas of activities, places to visit and things to do with your child.

Why don't you follow us on Facebook



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This Half Term in Red, Blue, Green & Yellow Rooms

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We will also keep you updated through our weekly 'What's Happening' - copies are emailed to all parents/main carers and are available on our website and Facebook pages.

For all bookable activities in blue overleaf please email office@strongclose.co.uk or call 01535 605272. Thank you

Jeśli potrzebujesz tłumaczenia na język polski użyj numeru.

যদি এই অনুবাদ বাংলায় চান তাহলে উপরের সংখ্যায় যোগাযোগ করুন.

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Red Room – 2-3 year olds

Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills

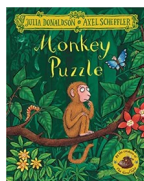
Last term the children in Red room enjoyed extending their schematic play by enveloping and enclosing both themselves in large boxes and wrapping smaller boxes whilst practising their cutting skills. The children also experienced getting creative with lots of mixed media, and wet and dry glue.

Outside, the children developed their role play skills, communication and language and mathematical development in our builders area as we talked about shapes and practised counting.



Introducing new knowledge and skills

This half term Red rooms core story is **Monkey Puzzle** by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. The children will explore similarities and differences and talk about families. The story is a bright and colourful introduction to repetitive words and phrases as well as providing lots of opportunities for descriptive language. The children will learn about other jungle animals and sing familiar songs which encourage number recognition and counting such as Five Little Monkeys.



How you can help support your child's learning



Now the warmer weather has begun we all want to spend more time outside. Why not spend time together with your child and enjoy a listening walk. There are so many environmental sounds and naming these will help with your child's language development and eventually their phonological awareness. Visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/listening-walk/zh47jhw> to read about the benefits of an listening walk and for other ideas.

THIS HALF-TERM IN NURSERY

Blue , Yellow and Green Rooms—3-5 year olds

Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills

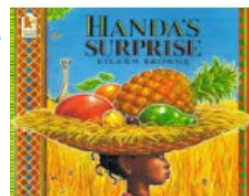
The children in **blue** and **yellow** rooms have been interested in taking care of the different flowers and vegetables seeds we planted in pots. We will extend this learning by visiting our allotment and planting the seedlings into the raised beds where the children will have the opportunity to watch them grow and change. We will be tasting different fruits and vegetables as well.



In **green** room, the children have been very busy in the maths area, exploring numbers, counting, sorting natural materials and lotto games. They have been exploring numbers to 10 and some have been going beyond 10. Next half term, we will be introducing the children to the tens frames and numbers beyond 10.

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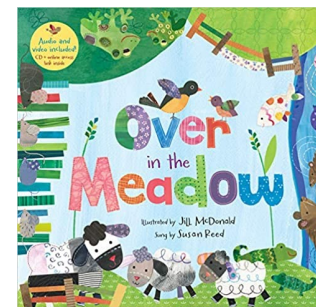
Our core story this half term in **blue** and **yellow** rooms is **Handa's Surprise** by Eileen Browne.



Following on from our core story Handa's Hen, we will be listening to another story about the adventures of Handa, this time she is visiting her friend Akeyo in the neighbouring village. We will be talking about the different fruits she has in her basket and which they like the best. We will also be looking at the various animals that steal fruit from Handa's basket which she is carrying on her head. The children will have the opportunity to explore different patterns that they observe on Handa's clothing.

Over in the Meadow by Jill McDonald is the core story in **green** room this half term.

Across the meadow, baby animals echo their mothers - and children can listen along and echo too! As the children read the story they will learn about animals, their habitats, actions and sounds. The song goes from 1 to 10 so they will also be exploring numbers and counting.



How you can help support your child's learning



At home taste different fruits and vegetables and talk with your child about healthy and unhealthy foods and their likes and dislikes. Why not have a go at planting some seeds together, you could plant the pips out of an apple or the seeds from tomato slices and

see if they grow or you could collect items from your garden or the park and make a mini garden on a paper plate. Visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/make-a-mini-garden/z7rm2sg>

Listen to our core stories being read by an adult at nursery on our Facebook page and talk to your child about what they liked about the story. For some quick tips on sharing and retelling stories with your child visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/retelling-stories/z6tnsk7for> for ideas.

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